

# LONG SERIES OF MURDERS PLANNED BY DR. WAITE, AUTHORITIES THINK

Mrs. Horton Gives Evidence of  
Dentist's Possession of  
Poisons.

LETTERS TURNED OVER

Dr. Arthur Warren Waite, the young dentist now held in the prison ward of Bellevue hospital on a charge of murder following the deaths of the parents of his wife, Mrs. John E. Peck, of Grand Rapids, Mich., intended, the district attorney believes, to kill at least two others, and perhaps more.

"The fact there seemed to be no limit," is the way Assistant District Attorney John T. Dooling put it yesterday when asked if the evidence so far brought to light indicated that Dr. Waite had been against the lives of others besides Mrs. and Mrs. Peck.

The "limitless" poisonings which the district believed the dentist contemplated were added to specifically during a long examination in the District Attorney's office yesterday of Mrs. Margaret Horton, the prepossessing young singer with whom Dr. Waite had engaged a room at the Plaza Hotel as "Dr. and Mrs. A. Waite," last Saturday, when she stated until Dr. Waite returned from Grand Rapids a week ago yesterday and warned Mrs. Horton over the telephone immediately upon his arrival to "pay the hotel bill and get out."

Mrs. Horton had given to representatives of the District Attorney's office yesterday a statement in which she said that she and Dr. Waite had engaged the room merely to use as a music studio. The statement on Friday was made when Mrs. Horton's husband, an electrical engineer living at 25 West Seventh street, was not present.

The examination of Mrs. Horton yesterday, which lasted steadily from noon until late last night, was conducted with Horton listening to his wife's recital of her friendship with Dr. Waite. In some respects Mrs. Horton's story of yesterday did not agree with her statements of the day before, but in the main it was the same. Also there were points in the story told by Mrs. Horton which did not agree with the Plaza Hotel manager's account of checking the room.

**Fresh Plot Indicated.**  
Early in the simultaneous examination of Mr. and Mrs. Horton yesterday, Mr. Horton gave Assistant District Attorney Dooling, who questioned the singer all afternoon and evening, the impression that she and Mr. Horton were each wealthy and that Dr. Waite had had designs upon Mrs. Horton's life because of her supposed fortune.

As the examination progressed yesterday, however, the county investigator's opinion of the amount of wealth possessed by either Mrs. Horton or her husband began to shrink. Forward night detectives working on the case decided that if Dr. Waite ever had, as Mrs. Horton said she now believes, designs upon her life, it must have been because he had some other reason for killing her than obtaining money. The officials are inclined to think, however, that the lives of these others who might stand in the way of Dr. Waite's possession of the huge fortune in the Peck family—Dr. Waite's wife, her brother, Percy Peck of Grand Rapids, and perhaps his wife's aunt, Miss Catherine Peck of the Park Avenue Hotel—were in danger from Dr. Waite.

**Developments at Grand Rapids.**  
"Dr. Schultz's report," Assistant District Attorney Dooling said after he and his chief had had for some time with Dr. Schultz yesterday afternoon, "was most satisfactory. Dr. Schultz found that there was a large quantity of arsenic present in the body of Mr. Peck."

"Was the amount found the same in quantity (50 grains) which Dr. Waite bought?" Dr. Dooling was asked.

"Yes, it was the same," was the answer.

Mr. Dooling then told of the examination of Mr. and Mrs. Horton as far as it had progressed at that comparatively early hour of the afternoon. The Horton he said, had come to the District Attorney's office of their own volition. Mr. Dooling then read the statement showing the fortunes of both Mrs. and Mr. Horton, the fortunes at that hour being more generous in size than later in the day.

"In the light of what has happened," Mr. Dooling continued, "Mrs. Horton is now convinced that Dr. Waite also tried to poison her. She says she offered the things to take which she now thinks contained poison."

"But," asked dubious questioners, "supposing Dr. Waite had not tried to poison her, how would that profit him financially? He couldn't get her money?"

"We haven't gone into that—I can't answer that now," Mr. Dooling replied. "But," he said, "he intended to take the money in money she had and intended that he was making money for others and perhaps could for her. Her story that he perhaps tried to poison her fits in with evidence we already have in a documentary and medical way. So far, parts of Mrs. Horton's story have been verified."

"I can't answer that now," said Mr. Dooling.

"Do you mean that Mrs. Horton knew he was buying poisons?"

"No," was the answer. "I mean he bought many poisons between December and March much more deadly."

Waite intended to poison at least four people altogether."

"At least four others," Mr. Dooling answered with a smile. "In fact, on that score," he added when pressed for an exact number of possible victims, "you may say there was no limit. Among Dr. Waite's effects we have come across a list of names of several persons whose financial and other affairs we shall look into."

"Did you find in Dr. Waite's safe deposit box the records which showed that he had frequently obtained poisonous drugs?"

"Now, I'm not going to give away all our testimony," answered Mr. Dooling angrily.

The list of names found in the dentist's safe deposit box contained the names of several women known on Broadway. Mr. Dooling's expression that there are other ways of obtaining poisons besides buying them outright as such, was taken to mean that records had been found in the safe deposit box which indicated that Dr. Waite had obtained death dealing substances in prescription form.

Two letters which Dr. Waite wrote to Archibald R. Morrison, a lawyer of 140 Nassau street, who has acted professionally for Miss Catherine Peck and from whom Dr. Waite at times sought legal advice, have impressed not only the District Attorney's office but also Dr. Waite's brother, Frank A. Waite of 3201 Hall avenue, The Bronx.

Mr. Morrison turned the letters over to the authorities yesterday. In the one dated February 1, or not long after Mrs. John E. Peck had died in Dr. Waite's Riverside Drive apartments,

Dr. Waite wrote to ask the lawyer about the possibility of Mr. Peck making a new will following the death of his wife. In the second letter, dated February 15, the dentist asked Mr. Morrison what would become of Mr. Peck's fortune in case of his death. In the second letter the dentist added that Mr. Peck was an old man and "not very well."

It was learned at Bellevue yesterday that when Frank Waite, the first of Dr. Waite's relatives to see him since he was charged with murder, was admitted to the prison ward he brought with him two statements for Dr. Waite to sign. After a time Dr. Waite signed one of the papers brought to him by his brother, but after learning the contents of the second he refused angrily to put his signature to it.

Frank Waite had nothing to say about the contents of the statements when he came from the prison ward.

"Would you say that you believe your brother innocent?" he was asked.

"No, I will not say that," Mr. Waite answered.

District Attorney Swann granted permission to Dr. Waite's parents and brother to see him any time. The brother decided that he would not bring the father and mother to see their accused son, however, until he had first talked with him himself. The parents probably will visit Bellevue today.

The examination of Mr. and Mrs. Horton lasted from noon until 9 o'clock last night. The Hortons and Mrs. Van Palmerberg had come to the District Attorney's office with four pieces of baggage and a bag of soft sticks, the intention of the three being to go out of town for a week later in the afternoon. The examination of Mr. Horton lasted so long, however, that when it was over they decided to return to their home in Eleventh street for the night.

Assistant District Attorney Dooling after the Hortons had left the Criminal Courts Building last night said that Mrs. Horton had told him Dr. Waite first had seen her when she was singing at the Strand Theatre last December. Later the dentist, she said, had accused her one night in front of the Academy of Music and wanted to take her home in an automobile.

She refused the stranger's offer, she said, but when Dr. Waite spoke to her the next night in front of the Academy

of Music she accepted his offer to drive her home. Her husband, Mrs. Horton said, knew of her close friendship with Dr. Waite, but did not object to it. At times during the examination yesterday Mr. Horton would leave the room when it was thought advisable during certain parts of her story that he should do so.

Mrs. Horton said that her maiden name was Margaret Weaver and that she came to New York from her native city of Missoula, Mont., a few years ago. She and Dr. Waite, she said, had first met in the Plaza for luncheon a few times before getting a room there, and he had told her recently that he was "wealthy and soon would come into more money."

One day at luncheon at the Plaza, she said, she had asked him to get a table near the orchestra. He refused, however, saying that there were people in that part of the room that he did not want to run into just then. Mr. Dooling said that in the event of the trial of Dr. Waite, who will probably be indicted tomorrow or Tuesday at the latest, Mrs. Horton will be a witness. She will not be detained in the meantime, however. Percy Peck, whose refusal to have his father's body cremated resulted in the case against Dr. Waite, is expected to come here to-morrow.

At Bellevue late last night the continued improvement of Dr. Waite was reported. Dr. Connelly said he believed that the dentist will be well enough to be taken to the Tombs within four or five days. Dr. Waite was comparatively talkative yesterday and asked many things for his brother before Frank Waite arrived at the prison ward. The dentist assured that he would have his brother's assurances that his parents and family would stick by him.

**SHE PUTS THE SHERIFF OUT.**  
Defends Her Furniture With Dogs and Revolver.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., March 25.—Carl Buss, son of Sheriff George Buss and first deputy in his father's office, was ejected today by Mrs. Dora Buss from her home while trying to recover unpaid furniture on a writ. When he attempted to enter the woman held him at bay with a loaded revolver and a pair of bulldogs.

She was arrested later and Buss was able to recover the goods.

"My sister is utterly crushed. She may have to go to a sanitarium. I am going to New York Sunday and I shall do my best to convict Arthur."

Francis X. Mancuso, Assistant District Attorney of New York, has assistant Dr. Percy Schmitt and Dr. E. P. Billings, who performed the first autopsy on John E. Peck's body, and Mr. and Mrs. Percy Peck with several other witnesses, whose names Mr. Mancuso refused to disclose, will leave for New York over the Michigan Central at 11 A. M. to-morrow.

**W. K. ZIEGFELD IN CELL.**  
Brother of Theatrical Producer Accused of \$500 Larceny.

William K. Ziegfeld, brother of Florenz Ziegfeld, Jr., was arrested yesterday in his brother's apartment at the Ansonia hotel, charged with being a fugitive from justice.

Miss Laura J. Doady, 341 Fullerton avenue, Chicago, accused Ziegfeld of the larceny of \$500 on September 28 last, saying in her affidavit that Ziegfeld had promised to make her an actress for that amount, but had failed to keep his promise and also to return the money.

A few hours after his arrest Ziegfeld was arraigned before Magistrate Levy in the West Side court. Questioned by the magistrate he told of his relation to Florenz Ziegfeld. He admitted having received \$500 from the complainant but said the money was her share of a theatrical venture which proved unsuccessful. He said he was willing to return to Chicago.

On account of the nature of the charge Magistrate Levy denied him bail. He advised Ziegfeld to-day, to take up his brother and get an attorney to bring the case before a Supreme Court Justice and have bail fixed for his release.

He was arraigned on a warrant issued March 5 in Chicago. Detectives Hauser and Hooker have been looking for him for two weeks.

**Two Pageants for Montclair.**  
Montclair, N. J., March 25.—Two pageants will be given in Montclair early this year. The College Women's Club plans to give on June 3 the "Pageant of Athens" as it was produced last fall at Nassau College. A Shakespearean tercentenary pageant will be given on May 27 by the 1,000 students of Montclair High School.

**CRIPPLED ALAMO IN PORT.**  
Mallory Liner's Passengers Reship South on Clyde Boat.

The Mallory liner Alamo, which had been reported in distress off the Virginia coast since last Monday, was brought back to port yesterday noon. A jury rigger had been rigged as a makeshift for the one she lost when a few hours out of port, and the two tugboats Fred Dalzell and C. T. Raymond, which picked her up, steered her to her berth.

The Alamo sailed last Sunday for Mobile and other coast ports. Monday night, when off Cape Hatteras, she became disabled and called for help. Several vessels, including the coast guard cutter Onondaga and the rescue tug Resolute of the Merritt & Chapman Company, started out for her. But the Alamo kept up headway, returning north after fixing up a makeshift rigger, and the searchers were unable to find her.

The Onondaga picked her up at 3 o'clock Friday afternoon off the Jersey shore. There were twenty passengers aboard. Fifteen of them transferred immediately on arriving in New York to the Clyde liner Sabine and resumed their trip southward. Capt. Congdon reported that the ship was in no danger at any time.

**LAWYERS TO AID PRISONERS.**  
Committee Formed to Take Up Grievances at Sing Sing.

OSWESINGO, N. Y., March 25.—A committee of lawyers practicing in New York City, headed by Stuart Cohn, 2 Rector street, has been formed with the approval of Warden George W. Kitching, who will give legal advice to inmates of the grievance committee of Sing Sing prison.

Besides the aid of this committee of lawyers the Mutual Welfare League has enlisted an committee of former lawyers now serving time in prison, including Burton W. Gibson and Hoffman Brown, who will give legal advice to inmates who feel that they have been illegally committed. Gibson, who was convicted of swindling the estate of Mrs. Rose Szabo, after being acquitted of her murder, recently argued an appeal for a retrial of his case.

Believe inmates of the prison, led by Harold Rich, are preparing to have a special feast and celebration during the observance of the Feast of the Passover. It had not been fixed.

**KILLED SHERIFF, BUT AS A JOKE, SAYS BRIDE**  
Mrs. Hadley, Captured With Husband, Chides Officers for Lost \$1,000.

Muskogee, Okla., March 25.—Mrs. Paul V. Hadley of Kansas City, in jail at Muskogee, to-day assumed blame for the shooting of Sheriff Jake Giles on a train near Cheesah, Okla., yesterday. Her husband, who was captured with her after an all day hunt, did not contradict her.

Mrs. Hadley spoke for herself and her husband. She chided their captors for not finding a "cool thousand dollars," which she lost from her stocking bag, field during their flight. She called the deputy sheriffs "chicks."

It was learned to-day that Sheriff Giles was warned on the train to watch the Hadleys, but refused to handcuff the husband, saying he had known him twenty years and trusted him. The couple probably will be given a preliminary hearing on a charge of murder in Muskogee within a week. Mason and Ellis last night sent the Sheriff's body to Beaumont for burial.

The Hadleys were caught in the Canadian River bottoms at a farmhouse nine miles from Cheesah. The first question Mrs. Hadley asked was: "Is the Sheriff dead?" She was told that he had died soon after he had been shot.

"Good good," she is said to have exclaimed. After their capture and while waiting at the county seat Mrs. Hadley is reported to have declared that the shooting was the result of an attenuated joke, that she crept up behind the sheriff, intending to have "a laugh on him" by "covering" him with her revolver. Then she said the sheriff opened the oil her and she answered, fatally wounding him. She had the Sheriff's revolver. It had not been fired.

## MRS. WAITE FIRST TO SENSE MURDER

Asked Father to Have Autopsy  
Performed on Body of  
Mother.

MAY GO TO SANITARIUM

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., March 25.—"My father never would have been murdered if he had followed a suggestion made by my sister, Mrs. Clara Peck Waite, before the funeral of my mother," said Percy S. Peck tonight.

"When Clara and Dr. Waite arrived here with mother's body Clara went at once to father and talked to him. She said she had a premonition that something unusual had happened and that for some reason she felt that a post mortem examination should be performed. Father ridiculed the idea and said there were no grounds for her fears. He refused absolutely to consent because, as he said, mother had always had such an abhorrence of cutting a body after death."

"Now Clara realizes that if she had insisted there would have been only one murder and father would still be with us. It is eating her much grief, especially since her attitude toward Dr. Waite has changed and she believes him guilty."

Young Mr. Peck also said that his first suspicions of Dr. Waite were aroused the day following the burial of John E. Peck.

"Dr. Waite went to a moving company," he said, "and ordered two vans sent to our house at once to remove all the furniture and personal effects which belonged to Clara. I happened to come in and find the men as they started to work. I immediately ordered them away. I believe he intended to take the property to New York and dispose of it. He could easily have got \$10,000 for it."

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